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MEETING, 2/17/76 ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 55

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1. WORKING GROUP I CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF SOVIET FEB 16
PROPOSAL ON ELECTRICAL YIELD MEASURING AND LOCAL SEISMIC
NETWORK EQUIPMENT (TEXT MOSCOW 2722), WITH US SEEKING ADDITIONAL
CLARIFICATION.

2. FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST EMERGED:

(A) SOVIETS WERE ASKED AGAIN (REFTEL) IF THEY PREPARED
TO RETURN FAMILIARIZATION EQUIPMENT TO VERIFYING SIDE IN
SUFFICIENT TIME FOR OPERATIONAL CHECK-OUT BY VERIFYING SIDE,
SO COULD BE USED AS ONE OF TWO COMPLETE SETS OF EQUIPMENT
TO BE SELECTED FOR USE BY HOST PARTY. IN CONTRAST TO
PREVIOUS DAY'S STATEMENT, THEY SAID NO, BUT WOULD CONSIDER
SERIOUSLY FORMAL PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH RETURN.

(B) EQUIPMENT TRANSPORT - DISCUSSION FEB 16 LEFT
UNCLEAR WHETHER USSR EXPECTED US TO BE PREPARED TO HAVE
EQUIPMENT REMOVABLE FROM TRAILER FOR PURPOSES OF TRANS-
PORT WHEN LOCATION REMOTE OR PHYSICALLY DIFFICULT. IT

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NOW SOVIET VIEW THAT 90 PERCENT OF TIME THIS NOT PROBLEM

BECAUSE TRAILER COULD TRAVEL BY ROAD. IN OTHER 10 PERCENT, IT ALSO NO PROBLEM SINCE US 8-METER VAN SMALL ENOUGH TO BE TRANSPORTED BY, E.G., HELICOPTER.

(C) "TWO COMPLETE SETS OF EQUIPMENT" - SOVIETS
VONTEMPLATE THIS TO BE TWO TIMES TWO FOR EACH PLANNED EXPLOSIVE WITH RESPECT TONUMBER OF SLIFER OSCILLATORS AND SENSING CABLES BUT NOT A MATCHING NUMBER OF CABLES FOR POWER AND DATA TRANSMISSION, WITH A COMPARABLE APPROACH RE: SEISMOMETERS AND THEIR CABLES. THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO DUPLICATE TEST, CALIBRATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EQUIPMENT, AND SPARE PARTS.

(D) EXAMINATION DURING 10-DAY PERIOD BY HOST PARTY -
SOVIETS UNWILLING TO SAY THAT LESS-DETAILED EXAMINATION THAN DURING EQUIPMENT FAMILIARIZATION PERIOD; PENDING INSTRUCTIONS RES: EQUIPMENT AND ITS USE AND FAMILIARIZATION PERIOD, IT IMPOSSIBLE TO WRITE 10-DAY PERIOD EXAMINATION SCENARIO.

3. AS PER INSTRUCTION STATE 036725, SOVIETS QUERIED ON PLANS FOR PNE EXPLOSIONS DURING NEXT FEW YEARS THAT WILL REQUIRE USE OF SLIFERS. SOVIET RESPONDED THEY HAVE AGREED TO GIVE US 180-DAY NOTICE OF ANY SUCH EXPLOSIONS.
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